Arms supply by ISI to PWG and MCC

3410. SHRIMATI JAYAPRADA NAHATA:
SHRI AMAR SINGH:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that I.S.I. of Pakistan has been supplying arms, equipment, funds and training facilities to extremists groups such as PWG and MCC;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) Government's reaction with regard thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO): (a) There are no confirmed reports to this effect.

(b) and (c) Does not arise.

Crime in JNU Campus

3411. SHRI AMAR SINGH:
SHRIMATI JAYAPRADA NAHATA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that incidents of chain snatching, molestation and rape have been occuring very frequently in the Jawahar Lal Nehru University Campus and in nearby area;

(b) if so, the details of such incidents during the last two months;

(c) how many persons involved in these incidents, have been arrested so far, and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO): (a) In all, three cases of crime, one each of rape, molestation and snatching, were reported from Jawahar Lal Nehru University Campus during the year 1999.

(b) The number of such crimes reported so far from the Campus during the current year was four of which two related to snatching and one each to rape and molestation.

(c) and (d) Three persons were arrested in connection with two out of three cases reported during 1999. However, no arrest has been so far made in regard to the four cases reported during the current year. These cases are at various stages of investigation and the efforts to identity and apprehend the culprits continue.

Talks with active terrorist groups

†3412. DR. D. MASTHAN:
SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) wheter Government have offered to hold talks with active terrorist groups in the country for resolving the problem of terrorism;

(b) if so, the names of the terrorist groups which were offered to hold talks with Government;

(c) when the offer was made and what were the reasons for selecting this very time for making the offer; and

(d) other matters included in the offer?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L.K. ADVANI): (a) to (d) During his visit to Jammu and Kashmir on 26-27 July, 1997, the then Prime Minister had made an appeal to the misguided youth of the State, who have joined the militant ranks, to give up their guns, and said that the Government was prepared to have unconditional talks with them, to enable them to rejoin the mainstream. The Government is committed to the said offer of talks, within the constitutional frame work.

The Prime Minister of India had spelt out the parameters for initiating a peace dialogue with militant outfilts in the North East on 15 April, 1998 at Guwahati declaring:

"To all those who have strayed from the paths of togetherness, whether in Assam or other States of the North East, I extend an invitation; come foward; let us discuss, my Government is committed to holding talks, to a restoration of peace; let us do so within the four corners of our Constitution".

Cease fire and peace talks with the NSCN(IM) are underway since 1 August, 1997. Suspension of operations with the Bodo Liberation Tiger (BLT) was also announced earlier this year. NSCN(K) have also issued a Press Release Offering a formal "cease fire' with the Government of India and political talks.

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